Agriculture

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2450

Date: August 12, 2015

Subject: AP Seven Roads Integrated Resource Timber Contract (IRTC)

Dear Prospective Bidder:

By September 10th at 04:30 PM, sealed offers along with accompanying technical proposals will be accepted at the Forest Supervisor's Office, Attn: Forest Service Representative, 112 Andrew Pickens Circle, Mountain Rest, SC, 29664 for the AP Seven Roads Stewardship Contract. The FS-2400-13T contract will be used. The termination date for this contract is December 31st, 2018. This contract is located in Oconee County of South Carolina, the southwestern area of the Andrew Pickens Ranger District, within timber compartments 25, 29, 36, and 45. Access is via SC State Hwy 28 to Hwy 193 (Whetstone Rd). Units are also located along Hwy 290 (Cassidy Bridge Road), Hwy 14 (Academy Rd) to Ivester Road, and along County Road CH37- CH33 (Verner Mill Rd).

A pre-bid site tour accompanied by the Forest Service is scheduled for prospective bidders on Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 10:00 am at the Andrew Pickens District Office, 112 Andrew Pickens Circle, Mountain Rest, SC, 29664. Contact Victor Wyant at 864-638-9568, or by email: vwyant@fs.fed.us for more information.

There are 2.5 miles of specified road reconstruction included in this contract. Costs of \$56,065 for specified road reconstruction plus \$7,585 for engineering reconstruction services have been accounted for in the timber appraisal. These costs are required to be borne by the contractor. There is an estimated 1.4 miles of temporary road construction needed to access the timber. Exact location and length of temporary roads is by mutual agreement. Constructed temporary roads are required to be obliterated.

The estimated quantities in this contract have been determined prior to felling. The total estimated quantity on this sale is 6,904 CCF. The Forest Service encourages potential bidders to make their own inspection and estimate prior to bid submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates:

Estimated Timber Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure

Timb	Rates Per Unit of Measure			
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantity	Minimum Acceptable Rate
So. Yellow Pine	Sawtimber	CCF	4,126	\$11.55
Hardwood	Sawtimber	CCF	239	\$8.63
White Pine	Sawtimber	CCF	384	\$11.42
So. Yellow Pine	Pulpwood	CCF	798	\$5.00





Virginia Pine*	Pulpwood	CCF	666	*\$5.00
Hardwood	Pulpwood	CCF	691	\$3.00

^{*}All Virginia pine, regardless of size, was cruised as pulpwood and appraised at pulpwood rates.

In addition to the timber removal component of this contract, there are two mandatory and one optional stewardship projects included in this contract. Your price proposal must include a bid price for all three stewardship work projects. The optional project items may be included into the contract at the discretion of the Contracting Officer after the contract is awarded. As this work is completed and accepted, stewardship credits will be applied to the timber sale account.

Offers will be evaluated on a best value basis and bidders must submit a technical proposal describing how stewardship projects will be completed. The technical proposal that is submitted will become a part of the contract when the contract is awarded. A unit rate bid for each timber product is required as well as the per unit rate for completing each stewardship project. Offers will not be publicly opened or disclosed. The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all offers.

Stewardship Project Information

Project Number (a)	Project Description (b)	Unit of Measure (c)	Estimated Quantity (d)
Mandator	y Stewardship Projects		
M1	Felling non-merchantable trees in harvest units	Acres	315
M2	Stream restoration	Each	2
Optional S	Stewardship Projects		1
01	Road maintenance – heavy brushing	Miles	11.3

If you wish further information about this contract, such as Contract Area Maps, Prospectus, Bid Form, Past Performance Questionnaire, and Technical Proposal Form please visit our website: http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/scnfs/sumtertimbersales or call Victor Wyant at the Andrew Pickens District Ranger's office in Mountain Rest, SC at (864) 638-9568, or by email at wwyant@fs.fed.us

Sincerely,

LARRY WESTCOTT CF

Forester/Timber Sale Contracting Officer